

In the Specification:

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 4, before "This application is being . .

B1 -- This application is a divisional of prior application no. 09/461,592, filed December 15, 1999, which issued as US Patent No. 6,355,274 B1 on March 12, 2002. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

B2 --Incorporation of policosanol into high fat or fat-continuous emulsion systems such margarine and margarine spreads is complicated by the functional properties of policosanol. In particular, incorporation of policosanol into a margarine oil system containing a diglyceride and a phospholipid causes an increase in the hardness of a margarine type product as disclosed in WO 98/47385. In addition, EP 0901804 discloses that the incorporation of a natural long chain alcohol in a fat continuous system reduces the viscosity and yield values of confectionery products.--

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